

REMARKS**Introduction**

The Final Action rejects claims 1 – 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). This Response amends claims 1, 13, 20, and 24 to more clearly claim the present invention. Support for these amendments may be found at page 13 lines 10 – 24 of the Application. No new matter has been added.

Arguments

The Final Action rejects claims 1 – 24 as anticipated by Shambroom, U.S. Patent No. 5,923,756 (hereinafter *Shambroom*). The Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Shambroom* does not teach every element of the rejected claims, and therefore, cannot be anticipatory. *See M.P.E.P. 2131.*

Claim 1 recites “generating a data entry related to the progress of said data operative transaction.” Although the rejection is unclear, it appears that the Final Action (as well as previous Office Actions) intends for the shell program, described by *Shambroom* at column 4 lines 6 – 9 as creating a temporary record of a user’s identity, to be evidence that *Shambroom* teaches the data entry recited by claim 1. However, the date recorded by the shell program of *Shambroom* are recordations capable of merely identifying a requester. They are not data entries related to the progress of a data operative transaction. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claim 14 recites “storing information tracking the progress of said data operative transaction.” The Final Action is again unclear, but appears to cite the shell program of *Shambroom* as again teaching this limitation. However, as *Shambroom* states at column 4 line 7, the identity and date recordations made by the cited shell program are used to indicate the identity of the requester and time of request. *Shambroom* does not, therefore, track the progress of a data operative transaction, and the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 14.

Claim 20 recites “means for establishing a plurality of data entries related to the progress of said data operative transaction in a destination database.” The Final Action appears to again rely on the shell program to teach this limitation. However, the identity of a requester and the date and time of that requester’s connection with a network server are not data entries related to the progress of a data operative transaction. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 20.

Claim 24 recites “establishing a plurality of data entries related to the progress of said memory device control transaction in a destination database.” The Final Action opines that the Abstract of *Shambroom*, where *Shambroom* teaches using “client authenticating information for use in accessing the destination server, teaches this limitation. However, the Applicants respectfully submit that “client-authenticating information” used to access a destination server is not “data entries related to the progress of a memory device control transaction.” As the Abstract indicates, the information is used merely for access. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 24.

The Final Action also rejects claims 2 – 13, 15 – 19, and 21 – 23 as being anticipated by *Shambroom*. However, claims 2 – 13 and 21 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, claims 15 – 19 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 14, and claim 23 depends directly from claim 20. Claims 2 – 13, 15 – 19, and 21 – 23 thus inherit all of the limitations of their respective base claim, and thus contain limitations not taught by *Shambroom*. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2 – 13, 15 – 19, and 21 – 23 be withdrawn as well.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10992150-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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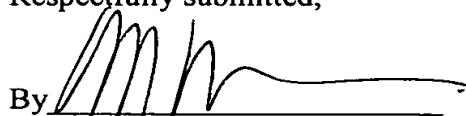
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